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ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health
for the Year 1938.

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Pengraig House,

NARBERTH.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Narberth Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report
for the Year ended 31st December 1938.

The Urban District of Narberth is an Agricultural
Centre situated on the east side of the County of Pembroke.

The population at the Census of 1931 was 1,046
and the estimated population for 1938 is 977.

Number of inhabited houses303.

Rateable Value..... £4,360.

Produce of a 1d. Rate.... £18. 3. 4.

S T A T I S T I C S.

Live Births - Total 7 Males 4. Females 3.

Legitimate do 7. " 4. " 3.

Illegitimate. Nil. Nil. Nil.

Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population.

Legitimate and Illegitimate.....7.165.....

Still Births.

Legitimate. Total 2 Males 1. Females 1.

Illegitimate. Nil. Nil. Nil.

Rate per 1,000 of Live and Still Births...9.212:....

DEATHS.

Total. 14. Males 9. Females 5.

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident
Population .14.309:...

Death Rate of Infants under 1 Year of age. 1.023.

All Infants per 1,000 of Live Births 7.165.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 7.165.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Nil.

Deaths from Cancer.....Nil:....
.....do.....Measles (all ages).....Nil:....
.....do.....Whooping Cough.....
.....do.....Diarrhoea (Under two years).Nil,...

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health.....1.
Sanitary Inspector.....1.

Nursing Arrangements.

The Town is served by two qualified Nurses, one a General Nurse and one a Maternity Nurse, the salaries are raised by Voluntary Contributions subsidised by Grants from the County Council.

Social Conditions.

The Town has been a centre for marketing Farm Produce etc., for many years, but since the Great War, the method of trading has changed. Markets have been established for the disposal of Live Stock, while Farm Produce such as Butter, eggs etc., are collected from the Homesteads by dealers.

The Town is situated on sloping ground falling south-south west. The subsoil is chiefly Shale. There are no Industries, consequently much unemployment is in evidence.

Schools.

There are two Elementary Schools within the Area, one Council and one Non-Provided, while almost on the boundary a County Intermediate School has been erected.

The Water Supply to each of the Schools is ample, being obtained from the Town Mains.

Sanitation. The Non-Provided School has the Water Carriage system, and the Council School has the Conservancy method. Milk is supplied to the pupils at a low cost, and full advantage is taken of the supply. When an epidemic occurs in any of the Schools, the patients are isolated in their own homes or sent to an Isolation Hospital according to the nature of the outbreak.

Laboratories.

- (a) Water. Samples for Analysis are sent to the Biological Institute, Runcorn, Cheshire.
- (b) Specimen of Sputum. This is sent to the County Laboratory, Cardiff.
- (c) Swabs. These are despatched to the Swansea Bacteriological Laboratory, and also to the County Medical Officer, County Health Department, Haverfordwest.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (1) For General Hospital Cases the County Ambulance is available, free.
- (2) For Infectious Cases an Ambulance from the Pembroke Dock Isolation Hospital is provided.
The service is quite satisfactory.

Home Nursing.

This duty is undertaken by the two local Nurses.

Clinics.

(1)	Narberth.	Tuberculosis.....once a month.
(2)	do.	Baby Welfare Clinic.... do.
(3)	do.	Orthopaedic..... Quarterly.

Homeless Children.

A well-appointed Home is situated at Saundersfoot where Homeless Children are received and cared for.

Notifiable Diseases. (Other than T.B.)

During the Year ended 31st December 1938.

Diseases.	Total Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
(1) Small Pox.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(2) Scarlet Fever.	"	"	"
(3) Diphtheria.	"	"	"
(4) Enteric Fever.	"	"	"
(5) Puerperal Fever.	"	"	"
(6) do Pyrexia.	"	"	"
(7) Pneumonia.	1	"	1 (82 years old).
(8) Other Diseases generally notified.		"	Nil.
	1	Nil.	1.

TRANSFERABLE DEATHS. (Inwards).

Where and when died.	Sex and age.	Cause of Death.	Residence.
14th April 1938.	M.27.	Fracture of the Skull. Accident.	Narberth.
11th June, 1938.	M.69.	Toxemia. Inflamed Carcinoma of descending Colon.	Narberth.
30th October, 1938.	M.80.	Chalaemia, carcinoma of the Pancreas.	

3 Males.

DEATHS.

Males.	Females.	Age.	Narberth.	Cause of Death.
1	1	67.	"	Cerebral Haemorrhage.
		9 mos.	"	(a) Cardiac Failure.
				(b) Convulsions.
	1	95	"	Cardiac Failure.
	1	80	"	Cardiac Failure.
1		73	"	Acute Bronchitis.
1		83	"	Uraemic Coma.
1		35	"	Cardiac Failure.
	1	82	"	Pneumonia.
1		89	"	(a) Coma.
				(b) Cerebral Haemorrhage.
1		75	"	(a) Coma.
				(b) Cerebral Haemorrhage.
	1	62	"	Cardiac Failure.
6.	5			
3	-			Transferable Death. Total 14.



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Smoke Abatement.

No action was found necessary in this connection.

Premises and Occupations Controlled by Byelaws or Regulations.

1. Common Lodging Houses.....	Nil.
2. Cellar Dwellings.....	Nil.
3. Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.....	Nil.
4. Offensive Trades.....	Two.
5. Slaughterhouses.....	Five.
6. Cowsheds.....	Three.

Closet Accommodation.

1. Privies with Ashpits.....	56.
2. Conservancy (Pail).....	30.
3. Water Carriage.....	199.
4. Conversions during Year.....	3.

Milk Supply.

The supply of liquid Milk is plentiful. The quality is good as evidenced by results of frequent analysis.

Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of Inspections made.	Nature of such Inspec- tions.	Number of Notices served.	Result.
298.	Housing Account.	54.	37 complied with.

Public Cleansing. Scavenging. The collection of House Refuse is carried out twice weekly under Contract.

The duty of cleaning Earth Closets, Privies etc., is done by the Householder as indicated in the Byelaws.

Tuberculosis.

Public Health Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925.

Persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis employed in the Milk Trade.	Section 62 Public Health Act, 1925.	Section 172 Public Health Act 1936.
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None.

None.

None.

Rivers and Streams.

None within the Urban Area.

Sewers and Drains.

The Town is served mostly by old fashioned built drains with covering slabs, but several portions have been piped during late years. It must, however, be stated that now, as the installation of baths and water closets are increasing, a suitable scheme for sewerage should be undertaken.

Shops and Offices.

The condition of Shops and Offices have greatly improved under recent Acts.

Camping Sites.

None in the area.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

None Provided.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

After careful inspection and investigation, all houses appear to be free from infestation.



Legislation in Force.

Public Health Act 1875. Public Health (Water) Act 1878. Canal Boats Act 1877. Notification Act 1889. Infectious Diseases Act, 1890. Rivers Pollution Prevention Act 1898. Factory Act 1907. Notification of Births Act 1907. Milk and Dairies Order 1926. Petrol Consolidation Act 1928. Housing Acts 1925, 1930, 1935, 1936. Public Health Act 1936.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality in 1933.

Age	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non-Respirat-	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	-ory.	
							M.	F.
1 to 65.	Nil.		Nil.		Nil.		Nil.	

Slaughterhouses.

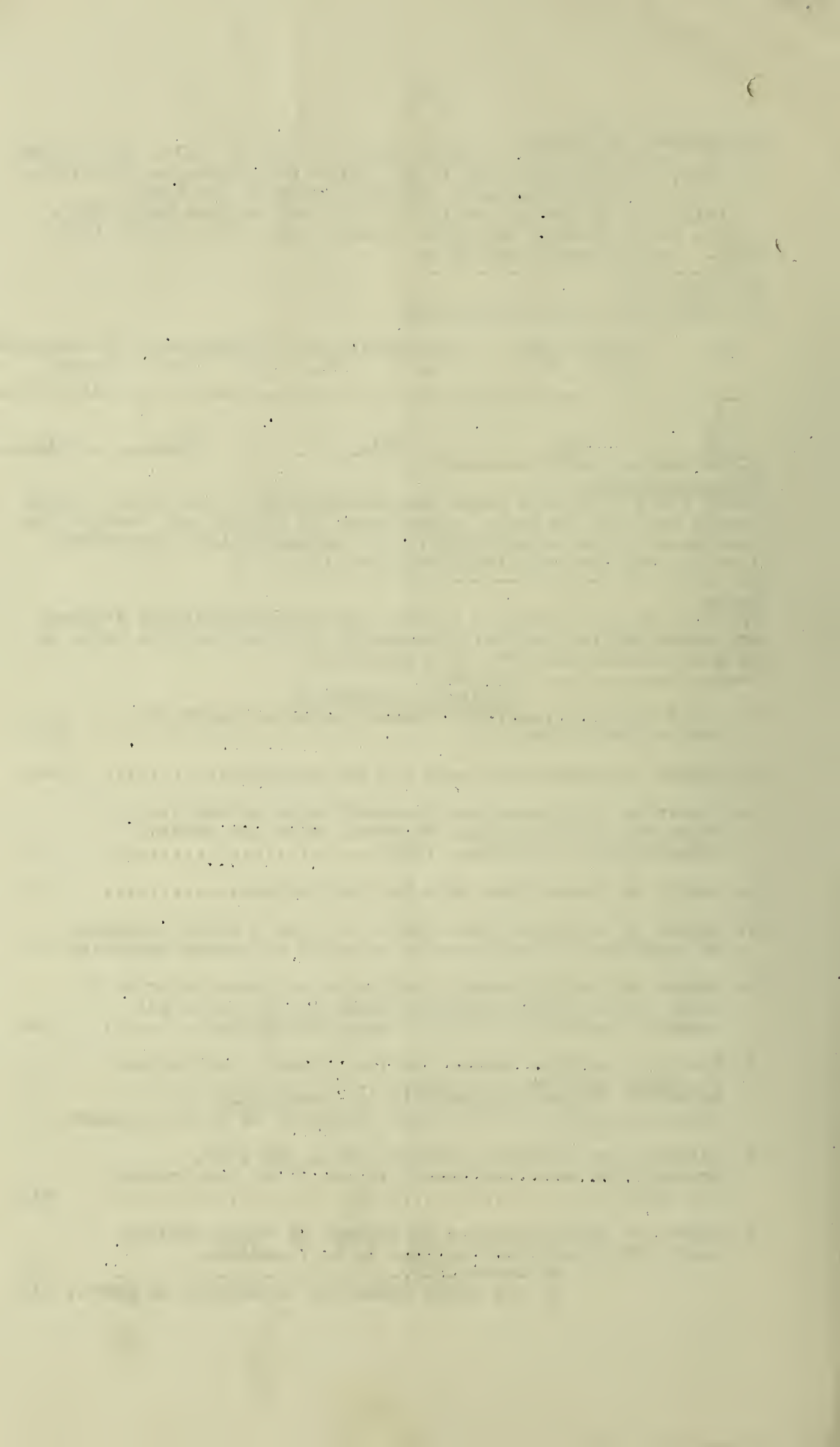
There are 5 privately owned Slaughterhouses in the town. Weekly visits are made to each. Cleanliness in killing and handling is considered quite satisfactory. All animals killed are reared locally, and the meat is of good quality.

Water.

The Town supply continued to give entire satisfaction. Samples are submitted for analysis frequently proving that the water is of good quality and free from pollution.

HOUSING - SECTION D.

1. Total number of dwelling houses inspected under the Public Health Acts 298.
2. Number of Inspections made for the purposes..... 468.
3. Number of Dwellinghouses included under sub-section 1 which were Inspected and Recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925..... 16.
4. Number of Inspections made for the purpose..... 21.
5. Number of Dwellinghouses found to be in a state dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 14.
6. Number of Dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the previous sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 8.
7. Remedy of Defects during the Year without the Service of formal notices..... 17.
Defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal notices by the Local Authority or their Officers. 1.
8. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.
Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936..... Nil.
9. Number of Dwellinghouses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.
By Owners..... 10.
By the Local Authority in default of owners. Nil.



10. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

1. Number of Dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... 2.
2. Number of Dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
 - By the owners..... Nil.
 - By the Local Authority in default of owners..... "

11. Proceedings under sections II and 13 of the Housing Act 1936.-

1. Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..... Nil.
2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... "

12. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act 1936 :-

Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Tenement or rooms having been rendered fit..... Nil.

Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

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| (1) Number of houses overcrowded at the end of the year. | 3. |
| (2) Number of families dwelling therein. | 3. |
| (3) Number of persons dwelling therein. | 19. |
| (4) Number of new cases reported during the year. | 2. |
| (5) Number of persons concerned in such cases. | 12. |
| (6) Overcrowding after abatement by the Local Authority. | None. |

The Demand for dwellinghouses continued as the standard of Workmens houses in the Town is low. In order to meet the requirements at least 20 houses should be erected.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Lionel E. Owen.

Medical Officer of Health.

Narberth, July 1939.

PUBLIC HEALTH (Meat) REGULATIONS, 1924.

<u>CARCASES.</u>	<u>Number Slaughtered.</u>			Pigs.
	<u>Cattle.</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs.</u>	<u>Calves.</u>	
	290	1901.	130	309
Number inspected.	192	869	75	165
Carcases condemned.	-	-	1	-
Parts or organs condemned.	-	-	3 Livers.	2 heads.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

1 Number of inspections made during the Year.....	298.
2. Houses placed in habitable condition.....	3.
3. Houses Closed.....	1.
4. Overcrowded conditions abated.....	-.
5. Common Lodging Houses inspected.....	none.
6. Slaughterhouses. 5 Private. Inspections.....	260.
7. Dairies and Cowsheds..3. Inspections.....	30.
8. Workshops. 47. Inspections.....	47.
9. Filthy Houses cleansed.....	-.
10. Houses disinfected.....	2.
11. Houses erected or re-built.....	1.
12. Water Certificates granted.....	-.
13. Houses connected with sewer.....	1.
14. New water Closets.....	-.
15. Privy Conversions.....	-.
16. Samples of the Town water analysed.....	2.
17. Samples of Milk analysed.....	1.
18. Compensation paid for destruction of Infected bedding etc.	64/-.
19. Seizure of unsound meat. 3 livers. 2 heads.	
20 Voluntary surrender of unsound meat and fruit. Value.	65/-.

W.G. Mathias,

Sanitary Inspector.

Narberth July, 1939.
